WHITEWATER MEMORIAL STATE PARK

DEER REDUCTION INFOMATION

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Important Note

We appreciate your willingness to help manage the impact from deer browsing. For this reduction to be effective, please harvest any deer that presents a safe and ethical shot (within established bag limits), especially those that are antlerless. Please make every effort to be present during the reduction. The number of hunters allowed at each park is strategically calculated. Your absence affects how successfully we reach our objective of a balanced ecosystem.

Whitewater Memorial Park info available at: http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2962.htm

The purpose of the 2013 deer reduction program at Whitewater Memorial State Park is to thin the population of whitetail deer within the park in order to restore lost habitat. Our #1 concern during this reduction maintenance phase is for your safety. With this in mind, the following information and rules will apply:

- Pre-hunt scouting will be allowed and is encouraged. All normal park fees apply. Additional information for any hunter desiring it will be available at the Whitewater Memorial State Park's office.
 - -You will be assigned to a parking area. Successful hunters receive their parking assignment online. You may hunt anywhere around your assigned area that you wish, outside of any safety zones. Don't change area assignments.
- Entrance to the park is through the main entrance only at St. Hwy 101. You may enter no earlier than 5:00 a.m. on the days of the reduction. As you enter, Indiana DNR personnel will ask to see your photo ID. You must have an ID to enter the park. You do not need to bring any hunting licenses with you.
- You may park your vehicle in established parking areas at your assigned area. This is for all hunters in your vehicle. Do not park in front of gated roadways or access roads.
- The park will be closed at 8:00 p.m. on the day before each hunt period. It will reopen at 8:00 a.m. the day after the hunt. Only those selected to participate in the reduction and IDNR personnel will be allowed inside the park.

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Familiarize yourself with any of the safe zones near the area you will be hunting. Any hunters near safe zones must shoot parallel to or away from the safe zones. Park boundaries are also clearly marked on the map. You do not have permission to hunt or even enter private property outside of the park boundaries.

One-half hour before sunrise until 3:30 p.m. Must check -Hunt Hours:

out at the gatehouse check station before 5:00 pm.

Questions: There will be a question & answer for hunters on the Sunday before each

> hunt period. Attendance is not mandatory but will allow you to visit, ask questions and receive information. Park Personnel will be on hand to help in any way they can. For hunters drawn for November 18th and 19th, questions will be answered at Whitewater on Sunday, November 17th, from 3:00 –4:00 p.m. For hunters drawn for December 2nd and 3rd, questions will be answered at Whitewater on Sunday, December 1st, from 3:00 –4:00p.m. Questions also answered by calling Tom Carr at 765-

647-2657 ext.-216

Safety Zones: SAFETY ZONES have been established and you may not enter these

areas except to retrieve a deer. Loaded firearms are not permitted in safety

zones, park buildings or service areas.

Hunter Safety: No ground blinds allowed. We strongly encourage five point harnesses

be worn in tree stands. Only non-penetrating tree stands may be put up one week before each reduction, marked with name, address and telephone number. Hunters must wear a blaze orange hat and a blaze

orange coat or body cover.

Hunters with If you have a handicapped hunting license and indicated this on your Disabilities:

application that you have special needs, call Tom Carr at 765-647-2657

ext.-216 about hunting location.

Retrieval: You are responsible to retrieve your deer from the field. DO NOT leave

the property and trespass on private property in an attempt to retrieve a

downed deer. Contact the check station or Law Enforcement.

Deer Limits: It will be possible for hunters to take three (3) deer. Only one (1) may be

antlered. All hunters are responsible for these deer.

Protesters: If you encounter any protestors, please do not talk with them or enter into

any arguments. Contact property personnel and they will handle it.

